



### President's Letter

RMVC Members,

Greetings fellow Vizsla enthusiasts. It was nice to see so many members at the Point & Shoot Event in March. Thank you to all the members who helped put on such a successful event: Mel Reveles, Ken Koebel, Janice Branam, Jason Finch, Adrian Finch and Photographer, Marc Piscotty. It's members like you with your willingness to work that keep this club ticking.

Unfortunately, the membership meeting was not as pleasant as the event. For anyone who attended the meeting, it was obvious there is some dissension within our club. There is a minority group of RMVC members, most of whom seldom or never attend meetings or participate in club activities, who are using their membership privileges to attempt to block the progress of the RMVC. This minority group is trying to make the RMVC fail, presumably so they can form a new, splinter Vizsla Club in this same geographic area. This same minority group also demonstrated gratuitously malicious behavior by voting down two new member applicants who are perfectly qualified for our club. This directly violates the AKC Code of Sportsmanship which states "Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.". This minority splinter group has repeatedly refused to provide any comment or engage in discussion regarding the proposed amendments or respectfully state their grievance(s) with the club.

We contacted the AKC Department of Club Relations to report on the meeting and seek their counsel. The AKC was concerned with the childish behavior of the minority splinter group and AKC's inclination was that the dissident group should resign from the club and let the rest of us move forward. It is AKC policy that only one specialty breed club with the same focus be

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### We've been APPROVED to hold our first A Match!!!

**What:** RMVC A Match (Conformation, Rally, and Obedience), Annual Summer Picnic, Membership Meeting

**When:** Sunday, July 26, 9a-2p

**Where:** Connie's Place, 1721 N. Shields Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80524

**Mark your calendars to come out and support the RMVC's first A Match. Our Annual Summer Picnic will follow.**

**If you haven't been to Connie's place, it's a little slice of dog heaven with lots of land for the Vs to go b-a-n-a-n-a-s and a spring-fed pond to swim in.**

**Food is potluck style. The club will contribute the main dish and you bring a side dish or dessert.**

**RSVP to [info@rmvc.org](mailto:info@rmvc.org) to let us know if you're coming out to participate in the Match, Picnic or both!**

### 2009 Vizsla Spring Olympics

**When:** Sunday, June 21, 11a-1p

**Where:** Ewe R Here Farms, 14328 W 96th Ave, Arvada, CO 80005

**Come out and play! Will your Vizsla be the one to edge out the competition and be crowned the RMVC's 2009 'Super V'?**

**RSVP to [info@rmvc.org](mailto:info@rmvc.org).**

### Upcoming Events

- 5/29-31 - AKC Agility Judges 3-Day Seminar, <http://www.akc.org/clubs/seminars/>
- 5/30 & 31 - Flatirons Kennel Club Dog Show, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>
- 6/1 - Front Range Agility Association of Denver Agility Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/>
- 6/1 - Colorado Springs Kennel Club Rally Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>
- 6/6 & 7 - Colorado Springs Kennel Club Dog Show, Obedience and Rally Trials
- 6/13 - Front Range Agility Association of Denver Agility Trials, <http://www.akc.org/>
- 6/13 & 14 - High Plains Gordon Setter Club Hunt Test, <http://www.fieldtrialnews.com>
- 6/14 - Vail Pet Partners Doggy Dash, <http://www.bringfido.com/event/1597/>

**6/21 - RMVC 2009 Vizsla Spring Olymics/Membership Meeting (BOD to meet prior to start of event), [info@rmvc.org](mailto:info@rmvc.org) to RSVP**

- 6/20 - CGDA Snake Avoidance Clinic, <http://www.coloradogundog.us/forms/2009%20Snake%20Avoidance%20Clinic%20Flyer.pdf>
- 6/27 & 28 - Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club, Inc. Dog Show, Obedience and Rally Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>
- 7/1 - Mile-Hi Golden Retriever Club Agility Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>
- 7/11 & 12 - Roaring Fork Kennel Club, Inc. Dog Show, Obedience and Rally Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>
- 7/18 - Mile-Hi Golden Retriever Club Agility Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>
- 7/19 - Pikes Peak Obedience Club, Inc. Agility Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>
- 7/19 - Swim Bark Run ® Dog Triathlon, <http://www.triforms.org/SwimBarkRun.html>
- 7/25 - Colorado Kennel Club B Match
- 7/25 - Pikes Peak Obedience Club, Inc. Agility Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>

**7/26 - RMVC A Match, Annual Summer Picnic, and Membership Meeting, [info@rmvc.org](mailto:info@rmvc.org) to RSVP**

- 7/26 - Durango Kennel Club Agility Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>
- 7/27 - Wellington Pet Dog Show, for more information call 970-482-8264
- 8/1 - Durango Kennel Club Agility Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>
- 8/2 - Rocky Mountain All Terrier Club Agility Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>
- 8/13 - Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of the Rockies Rally Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>
- 8/14 - American Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc. Rally Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>
- 8/14 - Greeley Kennel Club, Inc. Rally Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>

**8/15 - RMVC BOD meeting (after the Vizslas show at the Greeley Kennel Club, Inc. Dog Show)**

- 8/15 & 16 - Greeley Kennel Club, Inc. Dog Show, Obedience and Rally Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>

**8/19 - RMVC Membership Meeting, Gander Mountain, <http://www.rmvc.org>**

- 8/29 - Rocky Mountain All Terrier Club Agility Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>
- 8/30 - Mile-Hi Golden Retriever Club Agility Trials, <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>

### Next RMVC Membership Meeting

**Date:** Sunday, June 21, 11a-1p  
**Location:** Ewe R Here Farms, 14328 W 96th Ave, Arvada, CO 80005

**We'll have a quick Membership meeting following the 2009 Vizsla Spring Olympics.**

### Happy Birthday to You...Happy Birthday to You...Happy Birthday Silly Red Dogs!!!



**May 8: Haley turned 5 years-old!**  
"Haley of Pine Creek"  
Owner(s): Dean and Teri Hanson



**May 12: Bowie turned 7 years-old!**  
"Prairie Hunter's Bow RN"  
Owner(s): Rod and Neeta Cope

**May 9: Merlin turned 8 years-old!**  
"CH Boulder's Merlin SH"  
Owner(s): Fran Mason, Judy & Edj Hetkowski

**June 1: Gus will be 6 years-old!**  
"CH Titan's MVP CD JH RE"  
Owner(s): Judy Jaspers, Ginger Sammonds & Peggy Schmidt

**May 10: Monte turned 3 years-old!**  
"Poppyhill's Martini with a Twist"  
Owner(s): Janice Branam and Jill Marshall

**June 1: India will be 6 years-old!**  
"CH Titan-N-Dotsero's Work Of Art JH RA"  
Owner(s): Ginger Sammonds & Peggy Schmidt



**June 29: Lexi will be 3 years-old!**  
"CH Piroska Toldin's Shooting Star JH"  
Owner(s): Ken and Joan Hunter



*To be included, please send an e-mail to [journal@rmvc.org](mailto:journal@rmvc.org) including: call name, registered name (if applicable or desired), birth date and owner(s). Only RMVC Member Birthdays will be included!*

## AKC Launches New Canine Legislation Tracking System

The AKC is pleased to announce the launch of the new AKC Government Relations Legislation Tracking Service. This new service enables you to check the status of all 2009 canine legislation in each of the 50 states, as well as federal legislation.

To use this service, go to the AKC Government Relations web page, [www.akc.org/canine\\_legislation](http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation) and click on the large “AKC Government Relations 2009 Legislation Tracking” icon. This will bring you to a new page with a clickable map of the United States. To view federal legislation, click on the “US Fed” icon to the right of the map. You can also click on any state to view that state’s pending canine legislation, the latest legislative developments, the progress of specific bills, and, if applicable, AKC legislative alerts and messages. In addition, you can view the actual text of the bill or read a brief official legislative summary.

The AKC does not have a position on every bill posted; rather, this service is meant as a reference tool for you to see all the issues being considered in your state.

We hope you will enjoy using this new service of the AKC Government Relations Department.

Any questions or comments regarding this new service should be directed to the AKC Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720 or [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org).

## We’re So Pleased to Welcome Our NEW Membership Chair Michelle Petersen!!

Michelle responded to the BOD’s request for members to volunteer and agreed to fill the Membership Chair position. THANK YOU Michelle!!

Michelle has been an RMVC Member since 2004. Over the years she’s always been a supporter of the club and has volunteered at a number of events. Michelle enjoyed learning about Rally with her sweet Vizsla Harvey (CH Boulder’s Mo-Harvey Dessert RN). Together they earned a Rally Novice title.

Michelle is married to Ian and the mother of two lovely young ladies, Lauren and Phoebe.



Michelle pictured with her 4-legged Vboy, Harvey

**RMVC "Point & Shoot" Field Training/Fun Bird Day/Membership Meeting  
Saturday, March 21, 2009**



**A Point!!**

THANK YOU!!! **MERCI!!!** DANKE!!! GRAZIE!!!

**RMVC Members:**

**Marc Piscotty/www.marcpiscotty.com**

**Ken Koebel**

**Janice Branam**

**Jason Finch**

**Adrienne Finch**

**Mel Reveles**

THANK YOU!!! **MERCI!!!** DANKE!!! GRAZIE!!!



**One Pooped Puppy**



**The Meeting...**



**So Excitng!!!**



**Um...Is it finally our turn?**

## AKC Memo Regarding Sportsmanship



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Doug Ljungren  
Assistant Vice President  
Performance Events

To: All Pointing Breed Clubs

April 2008

Subject: **SPORTSMANSHIP**

One of the great traditions of Pointing Breed field events is sportsmanship. Indeed it can be argued that good sportsmanship is a factor that has contributed to the sports long term strength and popularity. Recently an increasing number of participants have expressed concern about what is happening to the culture of sportsmanship. It is worthwhile to periodically re-visit the importance of sportsmanship to the future of the sport.

Sportsmanship is expressed in the nature of one's conduct while associated with a sport. Good sportsmanship includes not only abiding by the rules but also conducting oneself with proper consideration for fairness, ethics and respect for other participants, officials, and those hosting the event, as well as respect for the traditional conventions of the sport. Good sportsmanship expresses an aspiration that the sport should be enjoyed for its own sake.

Sportsmanship is closely related to character. Character refers to one's dispositions, values and habits that determine the manner in which a person responds to desires, fears, challenges, opportunities, failures and successes. A person with a strong, positive character will usually conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner.

There is an additional, more subtle side to sportsmanship. Studies refer to it as "full commitment to participation." This means more than just running your dog. It means embracing the sport in a broader sense through a willingness to contribute time and effort to the sport's success. We all know individuals who participate but never contribute. They are often the first to complain when something goes wrong. This is a subtle form of poor sportsmanship.

The significance of sportsmanship is that it feeds on itself. Good sportsmanship contributes to the pleasure one experiences at an event and helps build support for the sport in general. The lack of sportsmanship works to undermine support for the sport. The experienced participant realizes the vagaries of an event may sometimes result in a less than desired performance. Never the less, if he feels he was given a fair chance and was treated respectfully, he will leave anxious to try again another day. If a participant leaves feeling he was not treated fairly or with respect, he will question if he should enter that event again.

For the enjoyment of everyone involved and the future interest of the sport, please consider the importance of sportsmanship and demonstrate it through your actions and words. We would all do well to remember the words posted in the Branched Oak, Nebraska, clubhouse – "To brag little, to lose well, to crow gently if in luck, to pay up, to own up, to shut up if beaten. These are the virtues of a sporting man." Oliver Wendell Holmes

Sincerely,

Doug Ljungren

## AKC Code of Sportsmanship

# AKC Code of Sportsmanship

*PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.*

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- ⇒ Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- ⇒ The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- ⇒ Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- ⇒ Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
  - Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
  - Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
  - Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
  - Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- ⇒ Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

## President's Letter Cont'd

recognized in a given geographical area and that this policy will not be compromised. The AKC assured us the RMVC will be the only sanctioned Vizsla specialty club in this area. The AKC stressed that the splinter group should not expect nor would they receive any special or preferential treatment. RMVC, as the official AKC sanctioned Vizsla breed club of Colorado, will be entitled to sponsor specialty shows as well as performance events.

As a result of our conversations with AKC, I have some great news to announce. The RMVC has been approved to hold our first Conformation, Obedience and Rally A-Match event. We are planning to hold our A-Match event in conjunction with our Annual Summer Picnic. Please see this issue of the RMVC Journal for more details. As in every event the club holds, we'll need volunteers to help execute the event. Please contact A-Match Chairperson, Ginger Sammonds, if you are interested in helping.

This month's RMVC Journal is filled with some great content. I encourage all of you to read the AKC Code of Sportsmanship and the memo from the AKC regarding SPORTSMANSHIP. It's an important read for those who are new to exhibiting in AKC events and it serves as a good reminder for those who have been exhibiting for years.

I hope to see you all at the upcoming Spring Olympics event on June 21st and the Summer Picnic/A-Match event on July 26th. These are consistently two of our most well attended events each year. The logistics for these events are included in the RMVC Journal. Planning is still in progress, so keep an eye out for additional announcements and updates to the RMVC web site ([www.rmvc.org/events.html](http://www.rmvc.org/events.html)).

Sincerely,  
Aaron Davis  
President, RMVC

## Resources for Those Who Like to Keep Learning

### Vizsla Club of America Welfare Foundation Health Projects

#### The Vizsla Epilepsy Research Project

<http://clubs.akc.org/vizsla/vizslaepilepsyproject.pdf>

In March of 1999, the AKC Canine Health Foundation awarded a grant to the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine to study the molecular genetics of canine epilepsy in Vizslas, as well as other breeds. The goal of this study is to identify a marker or gene for epilepsy and to develop a screening test to determine normal, carrier and affected status, thus allowing breeders the potential to eliminate epilepsy.

This project needs all Vizsla owners' support. Anyone who owns a Vizsla that has seizures should contact:

Lynda Ruffini  
VCA Health Chair  
[wldwing@verizon.net](mailto:wldwing@verizon.net)

Dr. Ned Patterson  
University of Minnesota, Canine Epilepsy Project  
612-624-5322

For more information resources on canine epilepsy go to, [www.canine-epilepsy.net](http://www.canine-epilepsy.net) and [www.canine-epilepsy.com](http://www.canine-epilepsy.com).

#### Project on Lymphosarcoma in Vizslas

<http://clubs.akc.org/vizsla/lymphinstructions.htm>

This study will help in storing blood samples from Vizslas affected with lymphoma with the ultimate goal of publishing the results to benefit our breed and all canines in general.

For more information please contact:

Sue Boggs  
[snowridge@aeroinc.net](mailto:snowridge@aeroinc.net)

**AKC's new Canine Health Resource Center, <http://www.akc.org/doghealth/>**

#### Free articles from The Whole Dog Journal:

1. **Driving Safely with Your Dog**, [http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/9\\_10/features/Dog\\_Transportation\\_15845-1.html](http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/9_10/features/Dog_Transportation_15845-1.html)
2. **Canine Separation Anxiety**, [http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/11\\_7/features/Canine-Separation-Anxiety\\_16044-1.html](http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/11_7/features/Canine-Separation-Anxiety_16044-1.html)
3. **Train Your Dog to Greet People**, [http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/11\\_5/features/Teaching-Your-Dog-To-Greet-Politely\\_16027-1.html](http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/11_5/features/Teaching-Your-Dog-To-Greet-Politely_16027-1.html)

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING INFORMATION**

<b>MEETING NAME:</b>	Rocky Mountain Vizsla Club (RMVC) Board Meeting		
<b>DATE:</b>	3/12/2009	<b>MEETING FACILITATOR:</b>	Aaron Davis, President
<b>TIME:</b>	7:00pm – 8:30pm MT	<b>LOCATION:</b>	Conference Call

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#	NOTES
1	<p>Call Meeting to Order &amp; Determine Quorum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ President Davis called the meeting to order at 7:04pm</li> <li>▪ The meeting had a quorum of the Board. Other Officers and Directors present included Dr. Sylvia Kerr, Neeta Cope, Imelda Reveles, Judy Hetkowski and Katherine Hokens</li> </ul>
2	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Minutes from the 2/14 Membership Meeting were approved.</li> <li>▪ President Davis distributed the minutes to membership on 2/17.</li> </ul>
3	<p>Membership Committee Report (Chairperson, Chery Branson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The 60 day grace period for membership renewals ended on 3/1/09.</li> <li>▪ Membership Committee Chair Branson submitted a final membership report (attached to these minutes) and 2009 Membership Roster. President Davis will distribute the roster to membership.</li> <li>▪ Membership Committee Chair Branson submitted her resignation, effective 3/1/09. All membership reports and documents have been transferred to President Davis until the Membership Committee Chairperson position is filled. Chery graciously offered to assist with the transition to the new Chairperson. An announcement for the committee chair opening will be published in the RMVC Journal.</li> </ul>
4	<p>Vacancies in Club/Positions of Responsibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The RMVC is seeking volunteers to for the following positions:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fundraising Committee Chairperson</li> <li>○ Membership Committee Chairperson</li> <li>○ RMVC Journal Editor</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Members interested in volunteering for one of these positions, please contact President Davis.</li> </ul>
5	<p>AKC Accreditation Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The club's application for A-Match status is pending with the AKC. The amendments to the Constitution &amp; Bylaws must be approved by membership to move forward in the AKC sanctioning process. Planning for Conformation and Hunt Test A-Matches is on-hold. The AKC requested a status by 4/1/09.</li> <li>▪ Multiple communications have been sent to membership explaining the importance of approving these amendments and reaching out to members to raise any questions/comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Board. Thus far, only one member has contacted the BOD requesting a copy of the letter from the AKC regarding the bylaw changes, but no questions or comments have been raised by any member. The letter will be published in the March/April RMVC Journal for all members to review.</li> <li>▪ The proposed amendments will be discussed and voted on at the 3/21 membership meeting.</li> </ul>
6	<p>Schedule for upcoming Meetings / Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3/21 – Point &amp; Shoot Event (Fun Bird Day &amp; Photo Op with Marc Piscotty) at Cobb Lake SWA</li> <li>▪ 3/21 – Membership Meeting at 11am – 11:30am at Cobb Lake SWA</li> <li>▪ TBD, June – RMVC Spring Olympics Event/Meeting (G. Sammonds coordinating)</li> <li>▪ TBD – A-Match Event (Pending AKC Approval to hold A-Matches)</li> <li>▪ TBD, July – Summer Picnic Event/Meeting – (G. Sammonds coordinating)</li> </ul>
7	<p>Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ At 8:25pm Director Kerr made a motion to adjourn meeting, Director Reveles seconded the motion.</li> </ul>

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1 – RMVC Final Membership Status Report for 2009

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### RMVC Final Membership Status Report on March 1, 2009

*Presented by Membership Committee Chairperson, Chery Branson*

The 2009 membership consists of 42 units. There are 21 household units, 14 individual units, and 7 associate units. There are 56 voting members. A quorum is 12 members.

There were 6 units that did not renew in 2009. Of these 3 were household, 2 were individuals and 1 was associate. The members that did not renew are: Susanne Downing, Rich and Debbie Evans, Eydie Hoepfner, Sarah and Brandon Hunt, Bryan and Sara King, and Susan Linnell.

There were some changes in status of members. Judy Jaspers and Ken Koebel changed from Individual to Associate. Carol and Bob Zuercher changed from Associate to Household. Brian and Catherine McHughes changed from Household to associate

There has been one new membership approved since January 1, 2009 – Brian and Sandra Loflin as Household members.

There were three units of new members in the last quarter of 2008 who did not have to renew. They are Jason and Adrienne Finch, Household, Mike and Judy Neff, Household, and Bill Shaffer, Individual.

One member, Leanne Wilson, an associate member, changed her name to Leanne Toler.

There are currently 2 membership applications that have been read and will be voted on at the next meeting.

There are 2 membership applications that have been received and not yet read.

\$950 was generated from renewal fees.

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING INFORMATION**

<b>MEETING NAME:</b>	Rocky Mountain Vizsla Club (RMVC) Membership Meeting		
<b>DATE:</b>	3/21/2009	<b>MEETING FACILITATOR:</b>	Aaron Davis, President
<b>TIME:</b>	11:00am – 11:30am MT	<b>LOCATION:</b>	Cobb Lake SWA

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#	NOTES
1	<p>Call Meeting to Order &amp; Determine Quorum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 39 Regular/Household Members were present</li> <li>▪ 1 Associate Member was present</li> <li>▪ 5 New/Pending Applicants were present</li> <li>▪ 1 Guest was present</li> <li>▪ Quorum requirements were met</li> </ul>
2	<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The 2009 RMVC Membership Roster was distributed to membership on 3/20.</li> <li>▪ Pending Membership Applications: The Membership voted on applications read at previous meeting by secret ballot. In accordance with the RMVC Bylaws applicants must be affirmed by ¾ of the Regular/Household members present and voting at the meeting.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joseph and Tracy Ribeiro, Vail, CO, sponsored by Rita Prindle. Also members of the Old Dominion Vizsla Club, Conestoga Vizsla Club, Vizsla Club of America and CO-WY Vizsla Rescue group. Involved with the breed for 6 years, owners of 2 vizslas. Vote Results: 24 – Approved; 15 Disapproved. Not Approved as Members.</li> <li>○ Andrew and Jennifer Weinkle, Denver, CO, sponsored by Aaron Davis and Imelda Reveles. Involved with the CO-WY Vizsla Rescue Club. Involved with the breed for 4 years, owners of 2 Vizslas. Vote Results: 24 – Approved; 15 Disapproved. Not Approved as Members.</li> <li>○ Andrew Weinkle addressed the membership to inquire if he and his wife had somehow offended or upset the members who voted against them. He also stated their interest in joining the club is to meet other Vizsla fanciers and to enjoy club events. No member responded.</li> <li>○ Several members expressed their shock and disgust that the Ribiero's and Weinkle's applications were not approved by fellow members.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ New Membership applications:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Randy Sullivan, Littleton, CO, sponsored by Judy &amp; Edj Hetkowski</li> <li>○ Nick Warwick &amp; Amy Johnson, Westminster, CO, sponsored by Aaron Davis &amp; Imelda Reveles</li> <li>○ Spencer &amp; Erica Sparrow, Morrison, CO, sponsored by Judy Hetkowski</li> <li>○ Tad Walden, Denver, CO is applying to upgrading membership from Regular to Household. Danny Ballard, Denver, CO applied to be added to membership unit.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3	<p>AKC Accreditation Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ President Davis provided membership with an update on the club's AKC Accreditation Status                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The club's application for A-Match status is pending with the AKC.</li> <li>○ The amendments to the Constitution &amp; Bylaws must be approved by membership to move forward in the AKC sanctioning process.</li> <li>○ Planning for Conformation, Hunt Test, Rally, Obedience A-Matches is on-hold.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4	<p>General Discussion about proposed amendments:</p> <p>President Davis provided a recap of previous business related to the proposed amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The RMVC was informed by AKC on 12/4/08 that changes to Constitution &amp; Bylaws were required.</li> <li>▪ Members were notified of the amendments at the 12/10/08 Annual Meeting.</li> <li>▪ The AKC mandated amendments and RMVC BOD suggested amendments were drafted, reviewed and approved by the 2008 and 2009 RMVC BODs. They were also sent to the AKC for pre-approval.</li> <li>▪ The proposed amendments were distributed to membership on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. There have been no questions or comments from any member.</li> <li>▪ The proposed amendments were voted on at the 2/14/09 Membership Meeting. They were not approved.</li> </ul>

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#	NOTES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple communications were sent to membership explaining the importance of approving these amendments and reaching out to members to inquire if there are any questions/comments regarding the proposed amendments. Only one member (Tad Walden) contacted the BOD requesting a copy of the letter from the AKC regarding the bylaw changes. No other questions or comments have been raised by any other member. The letter was published in the 2009 March/April RMVC Journal for all members to review.</li> <li>The AKC requested an updated status from the RMVC by 4/1/09.</li> </ul> <p>The floor was opened to members to ask questions or make comments about the proposed amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple members raised inquiries as to why members would have concerns with any of the proposed amendments. Members also inquired why those who had voted against approving the bylaws did so at the February meeting. No member responded.</li> <li>Tad Walden inquired about amendment 10, which is reference to the nominating committees' deliberations being confidential. President Davis explained the intent of this amendment.</li> </ul> <p>Specific discussion on each of the proposed amendments followed by a membership vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each of the amendments were discussed and then voted on by members with a show of hands. Ken Hunter, Household Member, was the official counter.</li> <li>Amendments 1 through 7 were discussed individually and then voted on. There were no questions or comments raised about the bylaws. The vote results are below.</li> <li>After it became apparent that a minority group of members intended to disapprove every amendment without a stated reason, Amendments 8 through 16 were discussed individually and voted on in block.</li> </ul>
5	<p>Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A motion was made to adjourn meeting and then a second.</li> </ul>

***VOTE RESULTS FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS***

The below results were recorded by Member, Ken Hunter, who was assigned the duty of counting votes which were casted by a show of hands.

#	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	TOTAL
1	<u>Constitution, Article I, Section 1</u> – Change club name from “Rocky Mountain Vizsla Club” to our current club name <b>“Rocky Mountain Vizsla Club, Inc.”</b> .	22	14	0	36
2	<u>Constitution, Article I, Section 2d &amp; 2c</u> – Add <b>“rally trials”</b> to the list of club activities since the club is working to achieve licensed status	22	13	1	36
3	<u>Constitution, Article I, Section 2d</u> – Insert the words <b>“and Regulations”</b> immediately before the words “of the American Kennel Club”.	22	13	2	37
4	<u>Bylaws, Article I, Section 2</u> – In the 5 <sup>th</sup> sentence, insert the words <b>“or household”</b> immediately before the words “member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year”.	22	12	3	37
5	<u>Bylaws, Article II, Section 1</u> – Reword the first sentence to state monthly meeting logistics will be determined by the board, rather than stating meetings will be held “on the third Sunday of every month”.	22	13	3	38
6	<u>Bylaws, Article II, Section 1</u> – In reference to the newsletter, delete the word <b>“monthly”</b> in the second sentence.	21	12	3	36
7	<u>Bylaws, Article II, Sec. 1</u> – Between the second and third sentence, insert the sentence <b>“If the meeting notice is provided to club members in the newsletter, the meeting information must be clearly indicated on the front page of the newsletter.”</b> .	22	13	3	38
8	<u>Bylaws, Article II, Sec. 3</u> – Insert words to state board meetings must be held <b>a minimum of 6 times per year</b> .	21	14	3	38
9	<u>Bylaws, Article IV, Sec. 2</u> – The first sentence incorrectly refers to “Section 4 of this Article”. Correct this reference to refer to <b>“Section 3 of this Article”</b> .	21	14	3	38
10	<u>Article IV, Sec. 3a</u> – insert the words <b>“the Committee’s deliberations shall be confidential.”</b> Immediately after point “(a)”.	21	14	3	38
11	<u>Bylaws, Article IV, Sec. 3b</u> – insert the words <b>“but at least fourteen (14)”</b>	21	14	3	38

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	<b>days prior to the date of the November meeting</b> " immediately after the words "October 31 <sup>st</sup> " and before "notify".				
12	<u>Bylaws, Article VI, Sec. 3</u> – Insert the words " <b>reprimand or</b> " immediately before the words "suspend the defendant" in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> sentence.	21	14	3	38
13	<u>Bylaws, Article VI, Sec. 4</u> – In the last sentence, change "A two-thirds vote of those present" to " <b>A two-thirds vote of Regular/Household members present</b> ".	21	14	3	38
14	<u>Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2</u> – Change "one (1) month" to " <b>fourteen (14) days</b> ".	21	14	3	38
15	<u>Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2</u> – After the first sentence add the sentence " <b>Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws must be voted on by secret written ballot.</b> "	21	14	3	38
16	<u>Bylaws, Article VIII, Sec. 1</u> – In the first sentence, insert the words " <b>in good standing</b> " immediately after the word "members".	21	14	3	38

**MEETING ATTENDEES**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aaron Davis</li> <li>2. Imelda Reveles</li> <li>3. Judith Neff</li> <li>4. Michael Neff</li> <li>5. Judy Hetkowski</li> <li>6. Edj Hetkowski</li> <li>7. Ian Petersen</li> <li>8. Michelle Petersen</li> <li>9. Neeta Cope</li> <li>10. Rod Cope</li> <li>11. Scott McGowan</li> <li>12. Ken Hunter</li> <li>13. Joan Hunter</li> <li>14. Roy Sanford</li> <li>15. Mary (Marty) Sanford</li> <li>16. Sharon Kennedy</li> <li>17. Rich Kennedy</li> <li>18. Chery Branson</li> <li>19. Ray Branson</li> <li>20. Carol Zuercher</li> <li>21. Robert Zuercher</li> <li>22. Gail Wallace</li> <li>23. Tad Walden</li> <li>24. Keli Kujawa</li> <li>25. Sandra Loflin</li> <li>26. Brian Loflin</li> <li>27. Jill Marshal</li> <li>28. Janice Branam</li> <li>29. Margaret Ebeling</li> <li>30. Marc Piscotty</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>31. Jason Finch</li> <li>32. Adrienne Finch</li> <li>33. Fran Mason</li> <li>34. Andrea Rasizer</li> <li>35. Dana Fredrikson</li> <li>36. Allan Fredriksson</li> <li>37. Dale Hokens</li> <li>38. Katherine Hokens</li> <li>39. Kathy Kregel</li> <li>40. Ken Koebel – Associate Member</li> <li>41. Andrew Weinkle – Pending Member Applicant</li> <li>42. Jennifer Weinkle – Pending Member Applicant</li> <li>43. Nick Warwick – New Member Applicant</li> <li>44. Amy Johnson – New Member Applicant</li> <li>45. Spencer Sparrow – New Member Applicant</li> <li>46. Laura Loive – Guest</li> </ol>
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